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They Came from Many Lands

And They Talked About the Lord

Now it was in the city of Minneapolis in the state which was known as Minnesota that the people came from many lands and talked in many tongues about the wonders of the Lord.

And they assembled together in a building which the people of those days called the auditorium where they sat at long tables which were covered with green cloth. Men of dark skin and men of white sat side by side and smiled one to the other.

They were met in the name of the Lutheran World Assembly and they were quiet as they listened to those amongst them who did rise to speak before a curtain which was of blue and in its center was the symbol of the cross in red and in gold. And the words of the speakers were written on white paper so the people could consider them with great care. And the words were carried through the air to wondrous distances by the green tables and every man could hear the words in his own tongue which he knew.

And the name of each man and the name of each woman was written on a white card and the name of his land was imprinted upon a white silk banner so all would know who his neighbor was.

And it came to pass that Austrians were seated beside Australians and men of Hungary beside men of Iceland and men of Germany beside men of France. And if they did not always agree on all things,

they spoke of their differences without hate and each listened carefully one to the other.

Their chairs were of chrome and the cushions were of bright red or bright blue. And their garments were of many kinds, some according to the dress of their thirty-two lands as had been the custom for generations before them.

Above their heads were large blue flags and there was a red heart on each flag and within the heart was a black cross and these flags were the symbol of the love they shared for the Lord.

And above the flags sat thousands upon thousands of other people who had come to watch this remarkable thing that had occurred. They talked quietly amongst themselves when the speaker was not of their own tongue or they followed the words on the white paper.

Some had come bringing all of their children and some were young and some had known many years and they remarked to one another about the strangeness and the goodness of the sight before them.

And when the members of the assembly tired of talking and of listening, their leader did call a rest period and the large hall did become noisy with their walking and their laughter and their conversing one with another.

And many among them did go forth into the halls and did partake of food and drink provided by women of the temples of the city. And

This most intriguing account was written by Ed Magnusson and reprinted from the Minneapolis Tribune.

the food they called cookies and the drink they called coffee.

Now in the halls there was a great friendliness as the men of one nation talked with the men of another about things of small moment and they did pat one another on the back and they did smile.

And underneath the great hall other people did walk among stalls in which were displayed the goods a temple must have. There were among them vestments and toys for the nurseries of children and musical organs and stained glass windows and all manner of wondrous things.

And there were books of the church and works of art and charts of the world showing where the work of the Lord was being carried on. And mothers carrying babies and women of high fashion and many other people did look and did wonder.

And it was in another large room that travelers to the city did have their needs cared for and there they were helped to find places to sleep and places to see and they could receive epistles from their home land and have their questions about the strange city answered.

And so the people who were met together did both laugh about small things and think seriously about the things of the spirit.

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News and Notes



Pastor M. G. Christensen

Omaha, Nebraska. More than 300 parishioners and friends gathered Sunday, September 8, in the social hall of Pella Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska, in farewell tribute to Pastor and Mrs. M. G. Christensen and their youngest son, Tom. Shortly after preaching his farewell sermon on September 15, Pastor and Mrs. Christensen left for Cedar Falls, Iowa, where Pastor Christensen will assume the position of superintendent and chaplain of the newly organized Cedar Falls Lutheran Home for the Aged. This is an intersynodical institution sponsored by seven local congregations of the A.L.C., A.E.L.C., and the U.E.L.C., where construction plans will soon result in the erection of a \$230,000 building designed to accommodate 64 guests.

Participating in the farewell fireside for the Christensens were Dr. C. C. Madsen, president of Dana College, who represented Dr. William Larsen, our synodical president. The title of Dr. Madsen's address was "Thirty-four Years of Service to God and Synod." Other clergymen participating in the program were the Rev. Archie Madsen, First Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, who represented the Nebraska District; The Rev. Carl Schattauer, Our Savior's

Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa; The Rev. Harry Sorensen, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Neola, Iowa; The Rev. James Otterness, Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELC), Omaha; and the Rev. R. M. Meyer, Immanuel Lutheran Church (ALC), Omaha, who also represented the NLC Pastors' Association of Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Pastor Christensen was honored not only for his nine years of service to Pella but also for his thirty-four years of parish ministry in the synod and nine years as President of the Nebraska District. Tributes were expressed on behalf of the congregation by several of the members. A purse of money was presented to the Christensens. The Fireside supper was served by Pella Lutheran Women. Also participating in the program was the Pella Chancel Choir. The Christensens' son, Tom, now a student at Dana College, gave a vocal solo.

Members of Pella will deeply miss their Pastor and his family. They are deeply appreciative of the fine work Pastor Christensen has performed among them, the high point of which was the erection of a fine new church in 1953. Pella's membership has expanded greatly during the years of Pastor Christensen's ministry and now numbers well over 500.

The congregation is in the process of calling a new pastor and hopes shortly to be able to announce his name.

A MISSIONARY WANTED

The Sudan Mission is badly in need of a new missionary. Part of the mission work is teaching. The British government is requesting that more teachers be supplied from America, since they are naturally better qualified to teach the higher grades in the English language. There are more ladies teaching than men in this mission. The government asks that two men be supplied within the near future.

If there is a man with a teacher's certificate, who would like to serve the Master by teaching in Nigeria, Africa under the direction of the Sudan Mission, would he kindly consult

Pastor N. B. Hansen, Poy Sippi, consin.

Or if someone reading this knows of someone, that might be interested in such Christian service, be qualified for teaching, inform Pastor Hansen of same.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Maren Borup of Berea, South Dakota has sent to our synod treasurer a check for \$10,000 for work of our church. This sum of money is a bequest from the estate of her husband, the late Christen Borup.

Again we thank God for faithful servants such as Mr. and Mrs. Borup who love the church and want to have a share in the proclamation of the Gospel. It is most helpful to receive undesignated bequests, such as this one, which can be used where most needed. As the Holy Spirit opens fields of opportunity in the various missions of the church we are grateful when funds are available for new needs.

May God continue to raise up men and women of vision and dedication who will provide the means for extension of His Kingdom and salvation of souls.

William Larsen, President

NEBRASKA W.M.S.

By Mrs. Archie Madsen

The Nebraska District W.M.S. held its 23rd annual meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, September 13, 1957 in conjunction with the 53rd annual convention of the Nebraska District. President, Mrs. Richard Boe, presided. Miss Cecelia Petersen of Omaha led in scripture reading from Luke 5:1-9, followed by prayer. Mrs. I. Hunt welcomed the group in behalf of the Lincoln W.M.S. Greetings extended to the Convention by Mrs. Henry Ehmen of Beatrice, who is President of the South East Council of the American Lutheran Church W.M.F. We then sang the "Welcome Song" which was used by permission from the Augustana W.M.S.

The Secretary's Report was included in the mimeographed report which was distributed to the women.

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Editorials and Comments

TO KEEP THE CHURCH MEMBERS POOR!

long ago we got a fine parish paper from a congregation. The paper was well edited and it gave the information needed in the congregation. The members of this congregation were certainly well informed about local work.

I returned to the Yearbook to see how many synod members go into this congregation. We found the answer blank. But we do know the pastor and a few others in the congregation get the paper.

This made us think. Here is a large congregation whose membership is very poorly informed about the church and about the church of God at large. The people in this congregation have the impression that the Holy Lutheran Church is their particular congregation. They get an impression of other Lutherans or other churches from the newspapers or when they attend services in other churches.

Members of this congregation get no weekly information about the synod of which they are members. They get no information about the Lutheran Church in the world or about other churches.

The Lutheran World Assembly is for them a more or less mysterious affair. They did not get a church paper to inform them.

This is the way to keep church members spiritually

in the dark. Let them have nothing, share nothing with them. Let them get the idea that their local church is the only church!

If a church member has no church paper, he is poor. He may be well off financially, yet he is poor. His love is limited, his love is not extended to any one else within his own local church.

If you want poor church members, take care that you do not get the church paper.

Keep them so that their horizon is kept as limited as possible.

Take care that they are not informed about the great work of God in the world.

Therefore, see to it that they do not get The Ansgar Lutheran. It will help you in keeping them spiritually poor.

Keep these ideas in mind during Church Paper Week, September 13-20.

WHAT IS A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH?

The word successful is often applied to a pastor or to a congregation. As a rule that means that they are able to draw many people and raise a good deal of money.

Let us say at the outset that it is not wrong to draw a large crowd on Sunday, nor is it wrong that the people bring their gifts to the church. But we question whether this view of a successful church is the only one.

We have read that people once left Christ because

they did not like his preaching. We have also read that Christ was crucified because people did not like him. The fact is that Christ would hardly be called a success according to the present standards of success.

A successful church is where the pastor is given grace to preach Christ in the way he should be preached, and where people are given grace to live as true Christians. It is not a question of whether many or few respond to the call of God, it is only a question of being true to the gospel and the Word of God.

It is said of the church in Philadelphia in the Book of Revelation (3:7-13) that it had but little power. Such a church would certainly not be successful according to our modern view of thinking. Yet this congregation was successful for it is said about this church, "You have kept my word and not denied my name."

To go right down the line with the Word of God applying it to the situation of modern life is to be successful, even though you stand there all alone.

Now, let no one get the idea that when there are only a few that that means success. Success does not depend on people but on God. I must constantly place myself at the disposal of God so that he can work through me. I am God's channel.

The important thing is that God may be successful in me.

This may give you an idea of what a successful church is like.

COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS

The last few weeks we have had six letters telling us that they like The Ansgar Lutheran. We have had expressions such as these: "I could not do without it." "It covered the LWA very well." "It gives me much blessing." "I look forward to it all the time." "More power to you and God bless you."

It goes without saying that we like such letters. But we want to say that we also like letters that give us advice and suggestions.

Now that church paper week is so near at hand, it naturally makes us think of how best to serve the readers. An editor is like a pastor. The pastor is always thinking of how he can best serve his congregation. How he can guide his people and how he might be able to make Christ real to them.

An editor has the same ideal. He would like to serve the people so that they may grow in grace, get a wider concept of the church in the world, and be better Christians.

A pastor is well aware that he is a frail human being, yet he is called by God to proclaim the gospel. An editor edits a paper. He is also well aware of his many shortcomings. Yet he has the same call. He is asked to edit and write in a stimulating manner, so that the people of God may be helped to serve Christ better.

We need all the advice and all the help possible for this task.

Church News from here and there

WARNS CURRENT POPULARITY OF RELIGION MAY BE DANGER

An evangelism leader told a conference of churchmen at Pottstown, Pa. that the current popularity of religion in America "may be the greatest danger the Church has faced in a long time."

"If the (church) steeple is simply as American as apple pie and baseball then it is in trouble," said Dr. Robert Spike of New York. "The cross of Christ can never be popularized like a television jingle."

Dr. Spike is director of evangelism for the Congregational Christian Churches. He spoke to representatives of his denomination and the Evangelical and Reformed Church from over the country gathered to consider the role of evangelism in the program of the new United Church of Christ formed by a recent merger of both bodies.

There is a danger of the Church becoming a symbol of respectability, Dr. Spike said. He warned that the "steeple must not be an ad for respectability. It must always be an intrusion on the skyline. It must stand for witness."

"The whole Church must be a witness in the community," he said, "in addition to individual members being prepared to recount their Christian experience. It ought to be the first, not the last, institution in the community to recognize the need for change in customs and folkways . . . and lead the way."

AMERICANS IN PERPETUAL MOTION

More than five million Americans—one out of every five—moved from one state to another between 1955 and 1956, and the churches are feeling its effects. This and other startling facts are included in a report on "The Mobility of Population" which the Rev. Lauris B.

Whitman presented before the Faith and Order Conference in Oberlin, Ohio, which concluded this week.

"From earliest days," said Mr. Whitman, "mobility has played an important role in American life but it has recently assumed new patterns." As executive director of the Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches, he discussed "the relationship between mobility and Christian unity" and its bearing on "The Nature of the Unity We Seek," the conference theme.

"There is scarcely a community in America which has not experienced the problems created by population migration," he said, "and there are few churches which have not felt the impact."

Declaring that some states are on the receiving end of the process, Mr. Whitman pointed to California and Florida who netted population gains of more than two-thirds between 1940-50. Big losers during that period were Southern states—North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

Apart from geographical migration, said Mr. Whitman, our social mobility, made possible by increased income, improved educational levels, new job opportunities and ease of transportation, is a significant pattern which may provide the churches with a new opportunity to build Christian unity.

The Faith and Order Conference was called by the World Council, the National Council and the Canadian Council of Churches.

EFFECTS OF URBANIZATION

American democracy and American Protestantism "cannot survive in a completely urbanized society," the executive editor of *The Progressive Farmer* told the annual Town and Country Conference for Methodist workers of nine southeastern states.

Alexander Nunn of Birmingham, Ala., said that "no nation civilization has survived ce urbanization."

Urban life, he said, is not ing "the qualities of thrift, fiber, industriousness and refulness and a willingness to ss and fight for principles that come out of our pioneer rural ground."

Mr. Nunn added, however, developments in the South there can be "industrialization out urbanization."

Prof. G. Ross Freeman of University, Atlanta, Ga., said the church's responsibility to stand the rural community agricultural problems."

"It is the church's duty," continued, "to help farmers bring tian principles to bear on the tion of rural problems, and i membership's duty to help r the hands of the rural pastor church program of religious tion, evangelism, stewardsh community service."

The Rev. C. E. Lundy of nooga, Tenn., said that "the ster's most difficult job, be ha or rural, is not to build ss visit from house to house, be dead, marry the living and things running smoothly, butt a place of service for every of his church."

Denying that the church organized he said that "a cannot be said to be over-on until every member has for place."

7,618,301 MEMBERS COMPE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Lutheran Churches in A reported a total members 7,618,301 for 1956, it was ann by the National Lutheran

According to the annual st summary compiled by the Division of Public Relatio Lutheran Churches in the

and Canada gained 245,363 members during 1956. This was an increase of 3.3 per cent over the previous year and about the average increase over the past decade.

Comprising the third largest Protestant denominational grouping in America, the Lutheran Churches have proceeded in numbers only by Baptists and Methodists. Of the 10,000,000 Lutherans, 7,388,176 are located in the United States and 230,125 in Canada. The latter are affiliated with the Lutheran Churches in the U. S.

The Council's summary is based on statistics supplied by sixteen Lutheran church bodies, plus the New Missions conducted by four churches associated in the Lutheran World Conference. Fourteen of the bodies recorded increases in membership, two showed a loss, and one remained the same as its figures taken from a previous report.

A gain in baptized membership of 63 in 1956, distributed among 587 congregations, represents an average increase of 14 new members per local church. Over the past five years the average increase has been 3.2 members per congregation, over the past decade, 11.4 members each.

Confirmed or adult membership increased by 145,258 to a grand total of 5,077,950, a gain of 2.9 per cent. This would indicate an average addition of 8.3 adult members per congregation in 1956. The average increase in the past five years has been 3, in the past ten years 6.7.

In the 12th consecutive year, the highest numerical increase was reported by the Lutheran Church—American Synod. Its gain of 76,033 members or 3.6 per cent in 1956 boosted the synod's total membership to 2,152,412. Over the past five years, it has added 712,041 members, an average of 59,337 annually. The Missouri Synod is the second largest Lutheran body in America.

Among the major bodies, the American Lutheran Church showed the latest advance on a percentage basis. Its 38,434 additions rep-

resent a gain of 4.2 per cent and increased the ALC's total membership to 937,512. The ALC is the fourth largest Lutheran body.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church reported an increase of 38,991 members or 3.8 per cent. With 1,043,230 on its rolls, the ELC is the third largest Lutheran body.

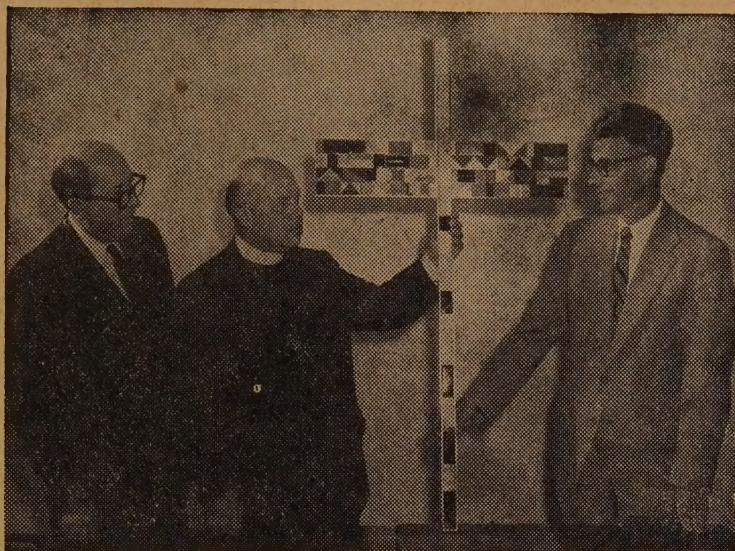
A gain of 3.8 per cent was also achieved by the Augustana Lutheran Church, with 20,518 additions that boosted its total membership to 557,404, fifth largest of the Lutheran bodies.

The United Lutheran Church in America, largest of the sixteen denominations, reported an increase of

64,650 or 2.8 per cent for a total of 2,335,352 members.

Greatest gain percentage-wise of any body, regardless of size, was recorded by the Lutheran Brethren. Its 935 additions represent an increase of 28 per cent to a total of 4,220 members.

Other gains were reported as follows: Joint Synod of Wisconsin, 4,021 or 1.2 per cent to 339,106; Lutheran Free Church, 1,940 or 2.7 per cent to 74,219; United Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2,272, or 3.8 per cent to 62,104; Suomi Synod, 959 or 2.7 per cent to 35,773; American Evangelical Lutheran Church, 559 or 2.5 per cent to 22,899.



Dedicating a new cross which will hang in the Martin Luther Library in the Lutheran Brotherhood home office building, Minneapolis, is Bishop Hanns Lilje, center, outgoing president of the Lutheran World Federation. Assisting Bishop Lilje are Dr. Carl E. Lundquist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, left, and Dr. E. Clifford Nelson, assembly director of the recently completed Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation.

Colorful and richly symbolic, the silver and mosaic cross was designed by one of Germany's foremost silversmiths, Theodor Blume, to symbolize the good relationship between the German Lutheran churches and Lutheran Brotherhood, representing the American Lutheran churches.

The Martin Luther Library is open to the public and is a part of Lutheran Brotherhood's Lutheran Center.

Our Foreign Mission Fields

INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS

Excerpts from Letters

By Betty Ann Jorgensen, Santalistan



Greetings Everyone: with Psalm 146:5
 "HAPPY IS HE THAT HATH THE
 GOD OF JACOB FOR HIS HELP,
 WHOSE HOPE IS IN THE LORD
 HIS GOD."

Yes, my heart is full of thanksgiving and praise to God for His mercy toward us and the grace He has provided. I wish to thank you for the many Christmas cards and your faithful correspondence, but above all for being brought before the throne of grace in prayer.

Four months have elapsed since my last greeting, so be ready for this long chat. Firstly, while staying in the Mission Home, Dumka, I visited the Chondopura Station where the "Martha Mary Girls' School" is situated. Oh! such beautiful flower gardens we have surrounding every mission station. The poinsettias, our Christmas flower, and the rich mauve color of the bougainvillea tree in bloom reveals quite a picture to the new comer. Then returning to Dumka I enjoyed immensely "Bhoj," my first meal of rice and curried goat meat with vegetables as we, Naomi Torkildsen (American—the steno. at the Mission house) and some of the compounders were sitting on bamboo woven rugs eating with our fingers.

Next day, the afternoon was spent at the usual monthly prayer meeting when I had the opportunity to meet many of our missionaries of the Behar province. In the evening I drove with Bjerkestrands in their jeep to the Benagaria Station, the location of our Seminary and Industrial School. Here is the literary press, weaving, carpentry, dispensary and a little agricultural work. Here I also saw the two churches built in 1882 and 1892 by

our mission founders; the "pukris"—large dugouts built at that time, used for the storage of the water supply, the home that was built and lived in by Borresen and Skrefsrud, then lastly their graves. Only one morning was spent here, and so much to see. My camera has certainly not had a rest. Then there are the fields round about of small plots having raised borders. All the fields are divided thus, and by and large a man does not own one by himself. They are the property of the family group, father, sons (uncles, perhaps) and own 3-4, sometimes 5-6 of the plots. In some places it is illegal for these borders to be destroyed, something like our iron fences at home! In these plots you see ploughed land or rice stubble. When the rains come, from mid-June to mid-August this land including the borders will be under water. The cattle seen in the fields are kept tied up when the rice grows. I am wondering what the countryside will look like when the wet season arrives and the fields are all covered with brilliantly green rice plants and the luxurious growth of the tropical plants begin. Most of the people obtain their living from agriculture, rice, tobacco, mustard and chilies, etc. At this time in Behar the usual Hindu harvest festival for five days was taking place. They do as they please morally, and thievery goes on, some natives stand guard on the roads. Goats and chickens are killed for a feast in remembrance of the dead, putting some food aside for them. There is much singing and beating of drums with dancing in the evenings. I met the Jensens and Kroghs (from Denmark) who are teachers in this station, also Munshi Tudu who has received his theological training in the States.

In the afternoon, January 14th, I left Benagaria Mission station by jeep for Rampur Hat station, where I had arranged to meet the Johansen twins, nurses visiting from Norway and their friend, Signe Sigurdson, the house-mother at the Norwegian missionary children's school in Sjeelon. What a relief it is to travel with someone who knows how to speak the foreign language and so to cope with the coolies who are all so eager to carry your luggage, then obtaining their usual pay plus their "bakshish" (tip). They are eager to serve us.

From the train window scenes such as this were seen, beautiful, pointset-

tias everywhere, in the cleared the field plots are seen, with farmers working their land with ploughshares pulled by cows or water buffalo. How these water buffalo love washing in a muddy and seeing them, you would think appear quite harmless but actually can be extremely dangerous with their huge long horns—and the strength they have! There is a considerable area that is jungle entering into the Assam province. Frequently pools of water are seen with people bathing or washing clothes. The huts are made of lattice and mud, with or whitewash. The wooden frames of iron roof are unheard of luxury in most houses. Cow dung cakes drying outside house walls. Trunks are used for purposes or serve as coverings for walls and floors—when mixed with water and spread, it leaves a smooth hard surface. These walls are patched and repaired again when washed away with rain.

Then on a Saturday evening boys from the school had teachers and "Misahibs" (ladies missionaries) to a rice and curry party. (This was their holiday, Jan. 15th, the Independence Day in India) their flags were hoisted, as was the Indian flag. We carried lanterns and our picnic destination, by the Hooghly river, 2 mi. from the mission. We sat in a large circle on the ground eating dishes of rice, dahl (lentils), and in curry were served. They have the ability to season their food with all different spices. Some children were using the large leaves for plates and of course using their fingers for eating. After this, we were entertained with a boy singing Bengali, "Nearer My God To Thee." Then one would ask a question and the rest would answer in unison. "Who are the people eating?" the rest answering, "They are large Christians." No, they are ashamed of Christ. There was singing of hymns while water bonfire of weeds, and during the night back to the mission.

I spent one week in bed from my first malarial attack. At that time I realized that at times God tests us through the discipline of darkness to teach us to heed Him. Song 1:1 taught us to sing in the dark, and

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Edited by Rev. K. R. Jensen

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Women's Study Programs

I.

THE PROGRAMS OF THE A.L.C. WOMEN

By Althea M. Christenson

ally prior to the annual meeting of the WMF Executive Board, the Literature Committee meets to discuss program plans for the following year. Such plans are presented to the Executive Board for consideration.

Work of Literature Committee

Literature Committee consists of the two Editors of the Women's Department in the church's publications, the *Lutheran Standard*, and in the German edition, the *Kirchenblatt*; the Editor of "Our Juniors" Department of the *Outlook*; the Federation President as ex-officio; and the Editor of the *Outlook* and Federation Secretary Education Chairman, the Chairman.

The Committee of five has charge of editing and reviewing all periodicals and literature of the Federation as stated in the Constitution. The Committee receives suggestions and advice from the eight Federation department chairmen, Federation officers, district and regional officers, and many other interested members. Considering all worthy suggestions given during the year and adapting them wherever possible, the Federation program develops, based on known needs and the aim to carry out the Federation aims to the glory of the Lord. The Committee keeps in mind Proverbs 21 (R.S.V.): "Listen to advice and accept instruction that you may gain wisdom for the future. Many plans are in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established."

Current Program

The 1957 program theme, STEWARDSHIP OF SELF, has been developed through a series of monthly topics and songs, for example: "Calling Christian Women" (WMF Hymn of Consecration); "Bless This Home" (In my home relationships); "Go With Jesus in My Task" (In my vocation); "Our Mighty Church" (In my church relationships—voluntary service). Each issue correlates the devotions, Bible study, and topic for the month. Short devotions pertain to the same subject as the monthly topics and the Bible study brings a practical basis for practical application. Each issue of the *Outlook* also presents the general introduction to the topic. This year a W.M.F. Book-of-the-Year has

The women of the three merging churches present their study programs.

been available on the theme — "The Stewardess" by Bockelman — hence a pertinent chapter is indicated for review each month in the *Outlook*.

Suggestions for development of the program include presentations by one or more persons, buzz sessions, playlets, panel discussions, book reviews, slides, movies, and the like. A special effort is being made to provide for greater personal use of the Bible and more member participation.

The Literature Committee also reviews books and recommends those which carry a helpful Christian message. Such books appear on a general recommended reading list. Then a list of Mission Study Books is also available on two (or more) themes which have been selected for the year's study by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., of which Commission the Federation has membership. These books are used in Mission Study Classes—a series of 4-6 sessions dealing with one of the selected themes on either home missions—MISSION FIELD: U.S.A. (1957) or foreign missions—SOUTHEAST ASIA (1957). The Literature Committee also recommended a previous theme for 1957 on Africa since the ALC is starting a mission in Ethiopia.

Adult Program Packet

Information concerning the year's program is included in an Adult Program Packet, which is sent to each society in the fall. This Packet contains copies of monthly devotions, monthly Leader's Guides, department promotional material of various kinds, playlets, services, (Day of Prayer, Thankoffering, Mother's Day), tracts, and other helps. In the past one free Packet has been given to every society. Beginning with the fall of 1957, an Introductory Packet will be sent each society, with information therein concerning available program items at headquarters and blanks for ordering such material.

Each fall when the program for the next year is presented to the Federation, it is the sincere hope of all those who have had a part in its planning and preparing that it will provide information, inspiration, and guidance to all those in charge of planning society programs, and will be like the "house mentioned in Proverbs 24:3, 4 (R.S.V.): "By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

II.

THE PROGRAM OF THE E.L.C. WOMEN

By Mrs. Lester A. Pierson

The E.L.C., as early as 1923 the WMF Literature Committee provided program helps for the local societies. As the work of the WMF grew, Ladies' Aids in every country looked to the central office for help in building their programs.

At first this consisted of a "Program Outline" for the year, each program to be worked out by the Aid. Later it grew into a complete program with papers prepared for each of the ten or twelve topics listed.

Much of the early literature was related to the money

raising efforts of the WMF, but the program topics always placed the emphasis on Missions. These have been about the Church, its teachings and work. Baptism, Confirmation, Christian Nurture, the Home, Christian Living, N.L.C.A. Missions, World Missions, Our Church Schools, Our Lutheran Heritage, The Ten Commandments, A Year of Prayer, indicate the emphasis during the years. Pamphlets on the Departmental work have been prepared for local groups each year.

With 1934 came the Reading Project. A Book List was published as a guide to systematic reading of the Bible, devotional and missionary books. This venture captured the imagination and interest of the women, and has grown steadily. New classifications of books have been added. Now we have a special reading committee to read and recommend books. New Lists are published regularly, and brief reviews appear in each issue of the *Messenger*. Many Aids have their own libraries.

In response to a growing demand for more Bible Study in our programs, a series on the **Beatitudes** was presented in 1947. This has been followed by other Studies prepared by our women to be used by the women in the local Aids and Circles.

It has been heartening to learn of the increasing number of groups that have made the Bible Study an integral part of their meetings, and to learn of the blessings that have come to the women from their participation. These Studies have included a series on **Parables, Songs of the Bible, John, Hebrews, Acts, Exodus.**

In 1954 the Bible Studies based on **James and I** under the title "The New Woman" were printed in *W.M. Messenger*. In this way every member could have the lessons to study in her own home. A Leader's Manual provides additional helps. A 9 o'clock Prayer booklet with selected Bible readings for each day complements the Scripture portion to be studied and serves as a guide for private devotions. Prayer suggestions are included.

Succeeding books studied have been **Luke, I and Peter, Philippians**. The 1958 Study will be "The Christian Woman Faces Choices," based on a study of **John**. In 1959 we will study **Galatians**, and in 1960, **Mark**.

The Literature Committee motto is:

Read and you will know,
Know and you will love,
Love and you will serve.

III.

PROGRAM OF THE U.E.L.C. WOMEN

By Margaret A. Miller

From the minutes of the Executive Board of the W.M.S. of the U.E.L.C., we find records beginning with the year 1935—two years after its organization. Previously committees were responsible for planning a suggested program for all societies. The Missionary Groups and Ladies Aids were affiliated with the Synodical W.M.S. and as the interest grew the English and Danish Ladies Aids were encouraged to incorporate Mission Programs into their plans.

In 1935, our missionary from India prepared a program for the Santal Mission and there were programs for our Indian Mission at Oaks, Oklahoma, the Sudan, China and Japan Missions as well as the work among the Jews.

Bible Camps, the Jewish Problems and China were emphasized in its program in 1936.

Pamphlets on Liquor and Christian Recreation were used in 1937; also programs on Recreation; Preparation for church; Scientific Aspects of Alcohol; The Church Year; Church Liturgy and Hymnology.

During 1948, programs were planned for Alaska, China, Religion in Public Schools; Japan and India.

Articles by various W.M.S. members were published each month in the *Ansgar Lutheran* and in 1940 two members were serving on a Literature Committee. This year the Sudan Mission, Christian Mother and Personal Evangelism and the Diaconate were the topics for study.

The topics for the year of 1941 were on the Santal Mission, the Japan, the Sudan and the China Missions; The Church Jubilee and Christian Social Service.

Monthly articles and the Oaks Building Fund and Lutheran World Action were suggested for 1942.

Each District was assigned a month in which an

article on their work was published in *The Ansgar Lutheran* and Programs centered about our Child Homes—Bethany, at Waupaca, Wis; Elim at Elk River, Iowa; and one at Oaks, Oklahoma. One was prepared on the experiences of the Service Centers and a diaconate. Miss Nissen's work in Africa—in 1943.

Four programs for 1944: Oaks Children's Home; Articles from Margaret Nissen, Africa; the South American Mission and letters from our Service Chaplain.

In 1945, we studied—the Home Mission at Oaks, Oklahoma, Dana College and the South American Mission; The Mercy Institute at Brush, Colorado; another on the South American and the Sudan Mission for the year.

It was now suggested that the Literature Committee have from three to five members. In 1947, a small book of poems written by Nannie Hatfield from Oaks, Oklahoma was edited and ready for sale in 1948.

From 1948 and on we realized the importance of having programs in booklet form. Two books "Our Missions Far and Near" and "Charities and Education" were published by our Literature Committee. Other programs ready for filing were sent out such as Family Altar, Prayer, Aids to Worship, Stewardship versus Gratitude. "All Heart," the story of Bonny in India by Mrs. K. M. Ludvigsen was also published.

In recent years, we have stressed the use of Bible Studies and for the coming year we shall use "The Word for All" edited by Pastor Archie Madsen. It is based on the book of Philippians. We shall also have programs on the four Missions—Santal, Japan, America and the Sudan Missions.

the Riverside" edited by Mrs. Sidney Jorgensen
 en fine programs which we used in 1957.
 e Word Goes Forth" a Mission Booklet is just
 e press and was exhibited at our Synodical Con-
 n at Racine, Wisconsin in June.

are grateful to the E.L.C.—W.M.F. for two Bible
 es which they offered to us: "Behold," a study of
 rst twelve chapters of the Gospel of John and a
 on the letter to Hebrews.

se programs tend to unify our groups as we study
 se the suggested programs. The duties of the
 ure committee are to provide literature and arrange
 ms for the local organizations. The purpose of
 programs shall be to acquaint the local societies
 the activities of foreign, home and inner mission

Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

American Medical Association continues to speak
 ally in behalf of our nation's aged. While improved
 al care backed up with Social Security dollars is im-
 t, so says this organization through its experts, the
 problem is that of keeping our aged actively engag-
 worthwhile pursuits. **Social Security** is not pure bles-
 When it invites a retirement that spells idleness we
 a dangerous situation on our hands. To be relieved
 irksome, pressing duties—then to replace these with
 nd pleasing ones—this is to meet the real problem, to
 en life and to save from senility, depression and even
 Only look at Grandma Moses, 76 years old; at
 Dibelius, 77 years old; at Konrad Adenauer, 81
 old; at Albert Schweitzer, 82 years old; at Senator
 89 years old! To bolster its contention still more,
 octors' organization quotes slogan of the **Gerontologi-**
ciety: "To add years to life, add life to years!" Once
 with this problem of serving the needs of the aged,
 d ourselves in an area in which the church can and
 be able to render valuable service.

aking of medical things, it is to be noted that our
government, while it has waited long to get into
 eld of **medical research**, has now definitely entered
 main. In 1947 our national appropriation for medical
 ch was \$8 million. For 1957 it is \$183 million. Special
 is being put forth at this time to combat and to con-
 those diseases recognized as killers." Patients regard-
 incurable are the ones welcomed at the great medical
 staffed with experts now maintained in nearby
 da, Maryland. We may call this program socialized
 ne or what we please, but there is not a person among
 o should not be grateful for the interest of our gov-
 nt in public health and for the promise it now holds
 r many who are hopelessly afflicted.

hington continues to be worried about the rising cost
 ng. What causes this unwanted increase? No one
 to know. The **Administration**, recommending astro-
 l sums for foreign aid, guided missiles and public
 declares these expenditures to be vital to our na-
 existence. The **producers and distributors** of our
 s food supply point out that, with all the high prices
 ay pay for food, their profit-share is really small.
 ough, **president of United States Steel**, says his com-
 in raising the price of steel, is not to blame and that
 ease is far less than that which other industries are

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THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

The new semester is now in full swing on college hill,
 and all concerned have settled down for a hard year's work.
 The routine has been established. Students and faculty
 alike are maintaining the rigorous schedule whose net re-
 sult is not only education, but Christian Higher Education.

Barely had classes begun when plans were laid for the
 1957 Evening Classes. Eight classes are being offered to
 adults in the area. Courses in art, English, Mathematics,
 Economics, Psychology, Music and Education have been
 chosen, giving the adult seeking more education a wider
 range of subjects to choose from. Perhaps the most unique
 course in the history of Dana Evening classes will be the
 Beginning Art class offered this semester. Three profes-
 sional artists from neighboring Omaha will be guest lec-
 turers during the semester. Each of the three is an expert
 in his field. The course, an experimental class, will include
 lectures, demonstrations and student participation in draw-
 ing, painting and sculpture.

DANA AT CONFERENCES

Dana's President, Dr. C. C. Madsen, took time out from
 his busy schedule last week to attend the Iowa District,
 meetings at Spencer, Iowa. The previous week, he carried
 Dana's greetings to the Nebraska District meeting in
 Lincoln.

Professors Norman C. Bansen, English Department, and
 A. Gordon Ferguson, Language Department, attended the
 national conference of the Modern Language Association
 recently. The three day session was held at the University
 of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Dana's representative to the tenth annual meeting of the
 United States National Students Association this summer,
 has brought greetings to Dana from colleges and universi-
 ties all over the country. Peter Smith, a senior from Port-
 land, Maine, was an observer at the conference held in Ann
 Arbor, Michigan.

This issue marks the third week in a row that Dana en-
 rollment has increased further beyond expectations. The
 total now stands at 301 students, and indications are that
 that will be the final semester total.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

GETTING ACQUAINTED

By Philip K. Mueller

Early in June my father, the Rev. H. A. Mueller, Sadiq Shammi, the Rev. Earl Erickson and I motored in the mission station wagon to Sulaimanya and nearby villages in the Northeastern Iraq in order to sell Scripture portions. This was the first trip of this nature for Earl and myself and as such afforded us many new and revealing experiences. The paragraphs that follow describe in detail the highlights of the trip for me.

We had negotiated one short dirty side street. Hal-abja, with its 7,000 people, has the customary Oriental arrangement of one main street with numerous trails and alleys tributary to it. Sadiq and Earl moved from shop to shop on the left side while I tagged after my father on the other side with our packets of evangelical literature. The sun was stinging already and the temperature was approaching 100 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade even though summer was half a month away.

The open face shops were little more than overgrown niches in the wall—4 feet by 6 feet, but remarkably, you could buy almost anything. One sells trinkets, bracelets, worry beads, odds and ends; another crudely displays some hard candies and native cigarettes; still another offers tea, sugar and hamuth stored in tea boxes scattered on the floor. The agha or shop owner usually was as disreputable looking as his squalid little place of business. It reminds you of side shows at the small town carnivals with unshaven hawkers and suspicious concession owners vying for business. It was to these men that we spoke.

"Greetings, Agha!"

"Welcome. Do you want some of my good meat?"

"Aha, we are hungry for some good meat, but tell us, do you read Arabic or Kurdish?"

"Yes, Kurdish. What do you have?"

"The Injil—the Gospel, the Word of God."

"You are hungry for my meat, I am hungry for your book, but business is not good." A parting salute and on to the next shop.

Several youngsters in native dress closed in and followed. Two high school boys dressed as Americans on Sunday morning joined the group and handled some of the literature. One rowdy, shaggy and unkempt, asked loudly for "bakshish," but we sell our literature for the psychology of the act of buying even if it is at

give-away prices. A Gospel of Luke or John could had for 20 fils—about seven cents. The Bible in Kurdish sold for a durham—16 cents. Some of complete testaments in bound editions sold for a dinar—80 cents. With each sale we gave a tract of Christ the Great Physician or one comprised of selected Bible verses titled "Do You Know the Answer?" A boy of 10 or 11 read the title and said loud to himself "By Allah, I do not know the answer!" I swear that they can neither read nor write, which is not unusual in a country at least 80% illiterate.

We made no sales on this street, but it was the effort. Before we moved back to the market a young Moslem theological student invited us to the mosque to discuss religion. We prudently declined and moved on into the suq with its arches and myriad of stalls and nests. We stepped aside as water was spilled on the dusty floor. At one shop we spotted wooden barrels that aroused memories of several I spent working part-time at a powdered milk plant in Wisconsin. Closer inspection revealed that these barrels had been shipped from Buffalo, Minnesota, on a UNICEF milk shipment. We asked, half afraid of the answer, if this milk was sold in the market, but was relieved to learn that it was given free to the schools.

It was comforting to know that here in far-off Iraq aid was being given to needy young bodies. It heightened our sense of responsibility for giving sustenance to the souls of these people, too.

Shortly afterwards outside a dingy tailor shop a moment of dread and anticipation arrived. A youngster clad in a filthy rag that looked like a nightgown and barefooted moved close to my side. With a gesture by hand he pulled a Gospel of Luke in Kurdish from my handful of books. He had several coins in his other hand and I indicated the correct amount, 14—5 cents. He darted away, but I recovered from my surprise in time to call him back to give him a handshake and say "Mobaregbe!" — "Blessing to you!"

I had made my first sale—the baptism by fire had taken place. Twice more I was to know that truth. Thinking about it later, I realized that I hadn't made the sale at all. They had made it, and yet they too were in the Power of Another.

Exhilarating? Yes—but more. In this Kurdish village only seven miles from the land of my birth (Persia) set in a fertile valley surrounded by rugged mountains

traces of snow still visible, miles from nowhere in a remote part of the world—a deeper meaning of purpose in life gave expression to itself.

reprinted from **The Lutheran Orient Mission**.—(N.)

People and Places

Nebraska District Convention:

The Luther Leagues of the Nebraska District will meet in annual convention at **Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska**, from October 24th through October 26th according to **Pastor Vernon L. Andersen**, District President. **Robert Kloth** is pastor of the host church.

Oklahoma:

Many of the boys from the **Oaks Mission Home** work on farms in the **Hardy, Nebraska** area during the summer months. Two girls from the church, **Polly and Mary Tucker**, had work at the **Lake Okoboji Lutheran Camp** in Iowa.

Canada District Convention:

Leaguers from the **West Canada District** will gather at **St. Anthony Lutheran** in **Tilley, Alberta** from October 18th through October 20th for their annual convention.

Winfield, Minnesota:

The YES Program was adopted by the league and members elected at a recent meeting which also featured the film, "A Chance to Grow." Outdoor games and a wiener roast concluded the evening.

ALL EYES ON ARKANSAS

Today, when not only the eyes of a nation but of the entire world are focused on Arkansas, where a governor, **Orval Faubus**, is defying the national courts and the highest executive of our land over a question involving race, the words of a foreign spokesman at the **United Nations World Federation Assembly** might well be remembered. **Paramount Chief Marealle II of Tanganyika**, East Africa, there said, "Unless the United States takes action on the segregation issue, the Statue of Liberty will lose much of its lustre."

This is the verdict of the outside world. It may not fully understand the issues involved. It may demand a more rapid time-schedule than is feasible. It may overlook a host of difficulties. But its basic judgment is right. The issue must be faced, and the ultimate solution can only be the complete equality of all races.

This is the only solution in keeping with the democratic principle that all peoples are created equal and with the Christian Gospel that proclaims that in Christ there can be neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female.

It also becomes the obligation then of us who are Christ's and who believe in democracy to begin now to overcome prejudices where we are. As members of the Christian Church and as young Christians in our schools and our communities ours is the task to remove the barriers that preceding generations have erected, remove them because Christ has broken down the wall of hostility.

It is not ours to argue whether that wall should have been broken down. It has been. We must clear the litter. —J.W.N.

YOUTH OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

Have you tried a Parent-Leaguer night?

A number of leagues have found an occasional Parent-Leaguer night helpful in gaining the co-operation of parents for the Youth Program of the church. Many adults are unaware of the scope or the importance of the Luther League. A Parent-Leaguer program gives opportunity to tell and show what League work does for their youth. Use the opportunity to deal with Parent-Teenage problems.

We Suggest

1. Involve parents in the League program.
2. Use the filmstrip: "Together." Order from Youth Office.
3. Use the new film: "The Unfinished Task," which rents for \$22.50 from your nearest church film supply.

Remember: The family that works together does something!

BY THE FIRESIDE

GRATITUDE

I thank thee, Lord, for mine unanswered prayers,
 Unanswered save thy quiet, kindly "Nay";
 Yet it seemed hard among my heavy cares—
 That bitter day.
 I wanted joy; but thou didst know for me
 That sorrow was the gift I needed most,
 And in its mystic depths I learned to see
 The Holy Ghost.
 I wanted wealth; 'twas not the better part;
 There is a wealth with poverty oft given.
 And thou didst eache me of the gold of heart—
 Blest gift of heaven.
 I thank thee, Lord, for these unanswered prayers,
 And for thy Word, the quiet, Kindly "Nay."
 'Twas thy withholding lightened all my care
 That blessed day.

"WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN?"

Back in 1923, a very important meeting was held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. Attending this meeting were 9 of the world's most successful financiers. Those present were:

The president of the largest independent steel company.

The president of the largest utility company.

The president of the largest gas company.

The largest wheat speculator.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange.

A member of the President's Cabinet.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Street.
 Head of the world's largest monopoly.

President of the Bank of International Settlements.

We certainly must admit that here was gathered a group of the world's most successful men. At least, they were men who had learned the secret of making money. Now that it is 31 years later, let us see what happened to these men:

The president of the world's largest independent steel company — Charles Schwab — died a bankrupt and lived on borrowed money for 5 years before his death.

The president of the greatest utility company — Samuel Insull — died a fugitive from justice and penniless in a foreign country.

The president of the largest gas company — Howard Hopson — became insane.

The greatest wheat speculator —

Arthur Cutten — died abroad, insolvent or bankrupt.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange — Richard Whitney — served an extended sentence in Sing Sing.

A member of the President's Cabinet — Albert Fall — was pardoned from prison so that he could die at home.

The greatest "bear" of Wall Street — Jesse Livermore — died a suicide.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly — Ivan Krueger — died a suicide.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements — Leon Frazer — died a suicide.

All of these men learned the art of increasing and amassing wealth, but we fear that not one of them learned the secret of how to live — for Christ. Speaking of "profits," Jesus asked a very pertinent question: "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

—Gospel Herald

A CHILD'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep.
 I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep
 Of other children, far away,
 Who have no homes in which to stay,
 Nor know where is their daily bread,
 Nor where at night to lay their head,
 But wander through a broken land
 Alone and helpless—
 Take their hand!

—A German Prayer

TWAIN WARNED

We would gather that Mark Twain's early lecturing days were at times trying. He once told the story of his arrival in a town early one afternoon. Scheduled to speak that evening, noting that his lecture was poorly advertised, he asked the general store proprietor, "Friend, any entertainment here tonight to help a stranger who has away his evening?"

The storekeeper straightened and wiped his hands on his apron and said, "Stranger. I expect there's good to be a lecture here tonight 'cause I sure been sellin' lots of eggs today."
 —The Postage Stamp

THE HEN WHICH DOES NOT SIT ON HER EGGS

"A sudden glance at truth without meditation upon it bringeth nothing to perfection; as a hen that seeth leaveth her nest never hatcheth chicks."

How can she? Patience is needed and the quiet self-denial by which she renders up the warmth of her heart, otherwise her eggs will lie dead as stones. The value of truth will never be known by those who will look at and hurry on: they must brood over it and cover it with the heart's love, or it will never become living truth to their souls. We must apply ourselves to a doctrine giving our whole soul and heart to it, or we shall miss the blessing. Here is wisdom.

Lord, when I hear a sermon read in a good book, let me not be as the partridge which sitteth on eggs and hatcheth them not; but make me to see life and power in Thy word and to rejoice over it as one that findeth great spoil.

—The Trumpeter

In a men's clothing store a tiny girl of a girl was waiting on a man who must have weighed at least 250 pounds. He wanted to buy a belt, but did not know the size, so the girl produced a tape measure. For a moment she stood eyeing her customer, a puzzled look on her face. Then she smiled in relief, "Here," she said brightly, "you hold this end while I measure around."

Whoever would have the peace of Christ, let him seek first the Spirit of God. Let him not fret against the conditions which God assigns to him, but reverently conform himself to them, and do and enjoy the good which they allow.

—James Martineau

BOOK REVIEWS

Christian Social Responsibility
 ed by Harold C. Letts, Muhlenberg Press, three volumes,
 Existence Today, 165 pages, \$1.50;
 Lutheran Heritage, 175 pages,
 Life in the Community, 226
 s, \$2.25.

These volumes are very timely
 es which every pastor will wel-
 e. They deal with present day life
 culture and the application of
 Christian gospel to the situation.
 teen top Lutheran scholars an-
 the question, "What is the re-
 ship of the Christian faith to
 secular world of our day?"

Through The Year With Christ

Edwin C. Munson, Augustana
 Press, 383 pages, \$3.50.
 e Gospels of the first series have
 used in this volume for a series
 rmons on the church year. These
 ons are very suggestive and the
 or will find them helpful.

Christian Maturity

E. Stanley Jones, Abingdon Press,
 384 pages, \$1.50.
 am sure that this book will find
 y readers. It is so full of sugges-
 and observations that pastors
 will find it helpful in making
 ons. It is a daily devotional
 with a page for every day of
 year.

My Pleasant Stones

Eugenia Price, Zondervan Publ.
 House, 384 pages, \$3.00
 is is another book on daily de-
 ns written by a woman, who
 several books to her credit. These
 tions are very personal and di-

My Song In My Heart

Ruth Youngdahl Nelson, Augu-
 tana Press, 420 pages, \$3.50.
 is is a book of Daily Devotions
 Women. We have read several de-
 ns in the book, and we are sure
 the book will be welcome to
 women. As a birthday or
 tmas gift to your wife or mother
 ay be most welcome.

WASHINGTON OBSERVER

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ng. Yet, in spite of all these
 nations, porter-house steak yes-
 y at the Supermarket was priced
 45 a pound and we were told to
 t a hike in the price of milk to-
 ow!

For the most of us the only avail-
 able answer is that of more careful
 spending. The avoidance of extrava-
 gance, a curtailment on all non-es-
 sentials, more self-help and home-
 work and productive effort on the
 part of the individual—all this, in the
 aggregate, will help. But something
 more will also always be needed—
 Christian character to bolster the in-
 dividual, to show him where true
 values lie and to make him strong
 enough to stand out against a trend
 which, until now, refuses to be re-
 versed.

OUR MISSION FIELDS

(Continued from Page 6)

put into the shadow of God's hand
 until we learn to hear Him.

During the latter part of our school
 term, Miss I. G. West, principal of the
 Henry Martin School, Aligarh, U.P.,
 has given of her holiday time to bring
 us messages on the introduction to the
 Moslem religion. One evening we
 visited the beautifully decorated
 Darjeeling mosque for the evening
 prayer. The call to prayer is given
 five times a day and the attendance
 of every Moslem being required. The
 prayer is preceded by ceremonial
 ablutions—washing of face, hands, and
 feet with water, or with sand if no
 water is available, according to a set
 form. The worshipers must always
 face in the direction of Mecca. The
 worship consists of ejaculations of
 praise and adoration to Allah. We
 sat on the bamboo woven floor mats
 watching the procession. Might these
 eyes that are blinded, these ears that
 are stopped, soon be opened to realize
 it is the Christ upon the Cross who
 discovers sin, who forgives sin, and
 who conquers sin.

I thank God for this land of rich
 beauty wherein He has placed me.
 May the inhabitants of this land also
 soon be wealthy in the riches of
 Christ.

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And They Talked About The Lord (Continued from Page 1)

And their leader told them there
 were vehicles there to carry the
 women to the shops of the city.

And he did tell them that there
 was a great need on the earth for
 men to work together in accomplish-
 ing the work of the Lord and that
 they should love one another as
 He had loved them.

Captain Johnson, salty skipper of
 the fishing smack "K," had recently
 taken a wife, Lucy. The match was
 an exceptionally happy one, and one
 of the captain's cronies inquired if
 he were going to rechristen his boat
 in honor of his bride.

"Nope," answered the skipper
 thoughtfully, "but if Lucy keeps on
 bein' such a good wife, I might
 change her name to K."

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 (4) Home Mission, (5) Indian Mission, (6) Pension Fund.
 **Extra-Synodical Comprises: (F) Foreign Mission (where most needed), (So.) South America,
 (Ja.) Japan, (Sa.) Santal, (Su.) Sudan, (J) Jewish, (Ch.) China.

	Fiscal Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year
	TOTAL	Synodical*	Extra-Synodical**
Previously acknowledged (September 14, 1957)	111252.42	42427.63	46560.13
Pass Lake, Ont., Canada, Salem Luth. Church for Indian Home, Oaks, from Sunday School \$8.70; Home Mission \$50.	58.70	58.70	
Ferndale, Calif., Our Savior's S. S.	10.00	(F)	10.00
Oakland, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church, for mission where most needed \$5; Synod. Quota \$200	205.00	200.00	(F) 5.00
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church	264.41	264.41	
Aurora, Colo., Altura Luth. Church	65.00	65.00	
McNabb, Ill., Esther J. Andersen in memory of Alfred Morgensen, Viborg, S. D. and Clarence Earl, Chicago, Ill., for Dana School Fund and apply on quota of Emmaus Ev. Luth. Church of McNabb	2.00	2.00	
McNabb, Ill., Ladies Aid of McNabb Luth. Church in memory of Mr. Alfred Morgensen for Pension Fund	5.00	5.00	
Underwood, Ia., Underwood Luth. Church	150.00	150.00	
Hampton, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hansen for Japan, Sudan and So. American Missions, \$50 ea.	150.00		150.00
Moorhead, Ia., Bethesda Luth. S. S.	9.20		Su. 9.20
Shelby, Ia., Shelby Luth. S. S. birthday bank, for Children's Homes	8.21	8.21	
Scranton, Ia., First Luth. S. S.	9.05	(F)	9.05
Extra, Ia., Extra Luth. Church, in memory of Mrs. Runge \$16; Linda Kraatz 50c	16.50	(F)	16.50
Westbrook, Me., Trinity Luth. Church	500.00	500.00	
Blair, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Lund in memory of brother, Peter Lund, Fresno, Calif.	10.00		Su. 10.00
Omaha, Nebr., A. S. Jacobsen, from the descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Madsen, Hampton, Nebr., for Eben Ezer Sanitorium, Brush, Colo. \$15			
Westby, Mont., Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rasmussen for Home Mission \$5; Sudan \$2; Santal \$2; Jewish \$2; China \$2; LWA \$2	15.00	5.00	8.00
Selma, Calif., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	106.43		Su. 106.43
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church, from Mr. and Mrs. Holger Steffensen in memory of Mrs. Elsie Petersen for Pension Fund	5.00	5.00	
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church S. S. for Munshi Tudu	35.00		Sa. 35.00
Dubuque, Ia., Anonymous for foreign missions	10.00		(F) 10.00
Scranton, Ia., First Luth. Church	14.68		
Cedar Falls, Ia., Mrs. Emma Jensen, from friends in memory of Mrs. Thora Christensen for Home Missions	5.00	5.00	
Greenville, Mich., St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church	115.00	(F)	115.00
Evan, Minn., Mrs. Nels J. Andersen, in memory of her husband, Nels J. Andersen	25.00	So.	25.00
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. Church	700.00	700.00	
Plainview, Nebr., Raymond Hansen, for bicycle for Missionary Ezra Jangare	50.00		Su. 50.00
Minden, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. Ole Hansen, in memory of Mrs. Hans Christensen and Mrs. Mary Borup of Northfield, Minn.	5.00		
Kenmare, N. D., Nazareth Luth. S. S. for support of the Native girl "Bokte"	40.00		Su. 40.00
Viborg, S. D., Bethany Luth. Church, from Ervin Andersen \$1; Andrew Hansen \$2; Mrs. Ellen Kaarup \$2; Mrs. Ella Hansen \$1 and LeRoy Hansen \$1, in memory of Alfred Morgensen, for Home Missions	7.00	7.00	
Racine, Wis., Immanuel Luth. Church	730.02		
Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary's Luth. S. S. for support of Helen, the little girl in the Sudan Mission	40.00		Su. 40.00
Oshkosh, Wis., Our Saviour's Eng. Luth. Church	250.00	250.00	
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church for the Santal Leper Colony, from the Dagmar Pilegard Estate	100.00		Sa. 100.00
Fresno, Calif., Grace Luth. Church	160.05	160.05	
Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S. for Jewish Mission \$25.83; China Mission \$36.07	61.90		(F) 61.90
Cedar Falls, Ia., Mrs. Tom Brown, in memory of her husband	5.00		(F) 5.00
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. S. S. to be used to help prepare a native Columbian for God's service in higher education, in So. American Mission	100.00		So. 100.00
Geneva, Minn., Community Luth. Church for Home Missions, in memory of Thomas Nelson, from Mr. and Mrs. Peder Holm \$2; Synodical dues \$250	252.00	252.00	
Kansas City, Kan., Westwood Luth. Church	150.00	150.00	
Lincoln, Nebr., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer:			
WISCONSIN DIST.—Kyushu Missionary Society, Immanuel Luth. Church, Racine, Wis., for So. American Translation Fund	15.00		So. 15.00
PACIFIC DIST.—Women of the Church, Faith Luth., Castro Valley, Calif., for Silver Anniversary	27.25	27.25	
MINNESOTA DIST.—Minnesota Dist. WMS for Ilean Rohe's salary 10-9-57 to 1-9-58	300.00		Su. 300.00
Circle I, St. Peter's Luth. Church, Northfield, Minn., for Oaks Mission \$5; L.W.A. \$15; So. Am. Mission \$20; Sudan Mission \$20	60.00	5.00	40.00
Circle II, St. Peter's Luth. Church, Northfield, Minn., for Ebenezer, Brush, Colo., where needed most \$10; Santal Mission \$15	15.00		Sa. 15.00
Brookville Ladies Aid, Life Memberships for: Mrs. Henry Nielsen, Mrs. Ole Simonson, Mrs. Peter Fredericksen and Mrs. J. C. Jensen	27.00		So. 27.00
Westby, Mont., Daneville Luth. Church for Ebenezer Home for Aged, Brush, Colo., \$19.23; for L.W.A. \$2	2.00		
Norma, N. Dak., Zion Luth. Church for Home Missions	25.50	25.50	
Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church, in memory of N. O. Nielson from Ladies Aid \$5 and Dorcas Needle Club \$5; Ezra Jangare, Sudan Mission \$47.66; Foreign Missions \$67.34	125.00	10.00	115.00
Racine, Wis., Our Saviour's Ev. Luth. Church, from Daily Vacation Bible School for Sudan Mission \$1.40; from Church, for Foreign Mission \$250 and L.W.A. \$1,070	1371.40		301.40
Correction—Acknowledgment Aug. 26, 1957, of \$300 from Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Easton, Calif., showed credit to General Fund. It should have been credited to L.W.A.	(300.00)		
TOTALS	117665.72	44982.75	48279.61

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, September 21, 1957.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

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\$1,419.29.

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Treasurer's report was also printed; thus making it unnecessary for the reports to be read. After brief explanations the president declared the reports approved as presented. Total income for the year was \$4,669.59. District dues, \$476.45; District Project, \$1,853.79; Life Membership \$170.00; Silver Anniversary, \$750.06; and Other Contributions to Synodical W.M.S.,

Roll Call was answered by 54 delegates. The two following recommendations from the Executive Board were discussed.

Recommended that \$25.00 be sent to the W.M.S. Synodical Treasurer for traveling expenses as needed. Moved and seconded that recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

Recommended that we use the

dime folders for our District Project until the merger synod; expense to be taken of the coming year's project money received. Moved and seconded that recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

The project Committee consisted Mrs. Emerald Nielsen, Mrs. Kai Andersen and Mrs. Earl Hansen, Chairman. After their suggestions were presented

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discussed, the following project
 0.00 for Elevator Fund for
 enEzer, Brush, Colorado; \$200.00
 Chapel annex at Lutheran
 dent House, Lincoln; \$300.00
 office equipment in the Haz-
 -Mason City Congregation;
 0.00 for continued support of
 ssionary Margaret Nissen; Re-
 minder of money received to be
 d by the Foreign Mision Board
 ere most needed.

Elections

President: Mrs. Emerald Niel-
 urer: Mrs. Keith Knudsen.
 ing vote of thanks was given
 Earl Hansen, retiring Vice-
 nt.

Ben Engskow was elected to
 on the Nominating Committee
 Synodical Convention at Blair
 ine. Miss Cecelia Petersen was
 Alternate.

. Boe mentioned the W.M.S.
 in the District during the past
 he Kennard and Orum women
 vite for a Rally in the spring
 and it was announced that
 urst and Cordova will be in-
 in this invitation. It is hoped
 Rally may also be held for
 men's groups in the churches
 Central Nebraska area.

Ben Engskow gave a very in-
 g introduction to her new
 "The Word Goes Forth"
 was just published for the pur-
 giving the synod up to date
 tion on our four mission fields.
 oklets can be ordered from the
 n Publishing House for 80¢.
 Boe announced that a display
 as set up in the rear of the
 which had many books and
 program material. W.M.S.
 eal reports and Margaret Nis-
 ayer Reminder cards may be
 r the asking.

reports were given during the
 hour of the session, from rep-
 esives of the societies concern-
 air program material used in
 rganizations. The various pro-
 used, projects undertaken and
 studies given proved helpful
 lightening. The new "Christ
 ," a study of Philippians, "By
 erside" and "The Word Goes
 either were already, or will be
 y the societies. We surely
 he Synodical W.M.S. for their
 a giving us this new material

Ezra Jangare, a native pas-
 n our Mission Field in Sudan
 short greeting in behalf of
 ple in Nigeria. His closing

statement was "Many are apart from
 God in Africa. They need your pray-
 ers. One day, one food, one language,
 one Lord, we will all be together in
 Heaven."

A W.M.S. Banquet was held Friday
 evening at the Lutheran Student
 House. Mrs. Duane Hunt served as
 Toastmistress. Mrs. Soren Kaldahl led
 in Scripture and Prayer followed by
 a Welcome by Mrs. Alvin Petersen
 who told us of the need of added
 room at the LSA House.

Pastor Arthur Sorensen of Tabor
 Lutheran Church, Salt Lake City was
 the speaker using the theme "Saving
 the Saints." He expressed thanks to
 the Nebr. District W.M.S. for the
 support given for their Parish Worker,
 Miss Thelma Tollefson. Rev. Soren-
 sen told of the problems connected
 with serving a city so dominated by
 the Mormon faith. He gave a very
 interesting detailed discription of the
 beliefs which to us seem utterly re-
 duculous. A great challenge lies with
 all of us to do our part in trying to
 save these saints. God has much to
 be accomplished among these Saints
 who are yet to be saved. The W.M.S.
 Song was also sung at the Banquet
 Program.

The W.M.S. Missionary Service was
 held Friday evening with Rev. Donald
 Hansen presiding. Pastor Viggo Peter-
 sen led in Scripture and Prayer fol-
 lowed by Greetings from Pastor Ezra
 Jangare. Pastor Ezra told of being
 forced to leave his parents' home be-
 cause of his desire to know of Christ
 and then told of becoming a Christian
 under the influence of Missionary
 Alfred Thompson.

After the W.M.S. Song was again
 sung, Rev. Paul Johnsen gave the
 message of the evening. He pleaded
 for Missionaries, asked for continued
 prayer and financial support. He chal-
 lenged everyone to give Part of our
 life to God. His stirring and inspiring
 message will long be remembered by
 all. An offering of \$203.93 was re-
 ceived for the Japan Mission. Pastor

Viggo Petersen led in the closing
 prayer followed by the Benediction.
 Society treasurers will please note
 this change of address.

Mrs. Keith Knudsen
 5665 Saylor
 Lincoln 6, Nebraska

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 lishing House here will contain the
 five main lectures on the sub-topics
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 and Unites."

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 plenary sessions by Dr. Chitose Kishi
 of Japan, Dr. Hans-Werner Gensichen
 of India, Bishop Bo Giertz of Sweden,
 Dr. Edgar Carlson of the United
 States, and Bishop Friedrich Wilhelm
 Krummacher of East Germany.

Included in the book also will be
 the opening worship sermon by Bish-
 op Lajos Ordass, Primate of the Lu-
 theran Church of Hungary; the key-
 note address on the theme by Bishop
 Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany,
 former president of the LWF; and the
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 from the Assembly's deliberations.

A preface to the book is written by
 Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive
 secretary of the Lutheran World Fed-
 eration.

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 clave of the Lutheran World Federa-
 tion. Delegates and visitors repre-
 senting more than 70 million Luther-
 ans from 69 countries heard the morn-
 ing lectures contained in this new
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